
XXIV. *A Letter from Mr. James Yonge, F. R. S.
to Dr. Hans Sloane, R. S. Secr. containing the
Case of a Woman who had her Menses regularly
to 70 Years of Age.*

Plymouth, July 17. 1713.

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AT *Lamerton*, fifteen Miles from this Town, dy'd lately a Woman of Eighty six Years old ; who to the Age of seventy had her *Menses* plentiful and regular. At that time they ceased, and soon after followed the like Eflux from the *Hæmorrhoids*, which continued till she got on the wrong side of Fourscore.

She was till then healthful and strong, of a vigorous Aspect, smooth, plump, and florid in Countenance, like one not half so Old : Her Appetite was very good ; her Intellects clear and sound ; and her sight so perfect, that she could to the last thread a Needle, and read small Print without Glasses.

When that Flux ceased, she became Gouty ; and about one Year before she dy'd, there arose an Apostumation on one of her Wrists, which open'd, and discharged much chalky Matter and some Stones. The Day she dy'd, she arose out of her Bed ; and after performing some Christian Devotions, expired.

She was never sick before the Hemorrhoidal Flux stopt, except once at *Exeter*, where she was born, and then lived, she became infected with what they called the Plague: It ended in a critical Abcefs in one of the E-munctories; and which is very strange, during all the time

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of that Sicknes, she nursed a Male Child, who is yet alive, and one of our Faculty ; from whom I have this Relation.

This History will afford occasion to divers Speculations, which I will not attempt to anticipate, but refer them to the Royal Society. I am, &c.

JAMES YONGE.

XXV. *The Description of a Tartarian Plant, call'd Gin-seng ; with an Account of its Virtues. In a Letter from Father Jartoux, to the Procurator General of the Missions of India and China. Taken from the Tenth Volume of Letters of the Missionary Jesuits, Printed at Paris in Octavo, 1713*

Peking, April 12. 1711.

Reverend Father,

THE Map of *Tartary*, which we made by Order of the Emperor of *China*, gave us an Opportunity of seeing the famous Plant *Gin-seng*, so much esteem'd in *China*, and so little known in *Europe*. Towards the end of July 1709. we arrived at a Village not above four small Leagues distant from the Kingdom of *Corea*, which is inhabited by those *Tartars* called *Calca tatze*. One of these *Tartars* went and found upon the Neighbouring Mountains four Plants of the *Gin-seng*, which he brought us entire in a Basket : I took one of them, and designed it, in its exact Dimensions as well as I could.